

MOTION BY CHAIR HILDA L. SOLIS

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**Proclaiming “National Health Center Week” in the County of Los Angeles**

National Health Center Week 2016 honors the innovative spirit of community clinics and health centers in providing quality health care to all people in Los Angeles County regardless of their ability to pay or their employment status, whether they are insured, under-insured, or uninsured. Community health centers provide needed comprehensive whole person care to individuals who need help at sites throughout the county; including primary care, immunizations, behavioral health care, dental services, health education classes, enrollment for health care coverage, and wrap-around services.

The Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County (CCALAC) and its 58 member organizations with almost 300 sites understand that community health centers are pivotal in identifying ways to provide new models of care for more than 1.4 million people throughout Los Angeles County’s diverse and vibrant communities. These community clinics and health centers are treating their patients in a manner that is culturally appropriate to their community, treating the whole person, and are at the forefront of assisting with all determinants of health.

Los Angeles County’s community health centers have been a longstanding partner to the County of Los Angeles, working over decades with County agencies and departments to serve our most vulnerable residents. Community health centers in

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California are celebrating 50 years of Medi-Cal and health centers nationwide are celebrating a continuing legacy of serving those individuals who have come to call these clinics, providers and staff part of their community. Community health centers continue to be critical in creating a dynamic health care landscape in LA County.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors of the County Of Los Angeles hereby proclaim August 7 – 13, 2016, as National Health Center Week in recognition of Los Angeles County's community health centers in serving the health needs of our communities.